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**Statement of Rep. Pete Stark
In Opposition to Escalation of the War in Iraq**

This week, President Bush confirmed what I have known for some time: he is delusional. 20,000 more troops in Iraq? No one supports this escalation: not the Joint Chiefs of Staff, not the Iraq Study Group, and certainly not the American people.

This administration has made mistake after mistake in an unnecessary war of its choosing. Now the President insists on sacrificing more lives, more money, and more goodwill on an increasingly lost cause.

If God really does talk to this President, I wish God would tell the President to “Bring the troops home now!” This is what the Iraqis need and it’s what the American people overwhelmingly declared they wanted in November.

President Bush is incapable of managing the debacle in Iraq. Congress must therefore take matters into its own hands, blocking funding for the “surge” in particular and stopping all funding for the war in Iraq in general. Let’s bring our troops home.